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SUBJECT: UNSYG REPORT ON UNFICYP

REF: USUN 5349; NICOSIA 3864

SUMMARY: AMB REGISTERS USG CHAGRIN EVER LACK OF CONSULTATION ON
UNSYG REPORT ON UNFICYP. OSORIO-TAFALL DISASSOCIATES HIMSELF FROM
REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS. PREM CHAND DEFENDS NEED FOR COMMITMENTS
PRIOR TO FURTHER REDUCTIONS. BOTH STRESS DECISION REDUCE MUST BE
TAKEN IN NEW YORK. EMBASSY URGES USG COOPERATE WITH UK PROPOSAL FOR
ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE IN UNSC RESOLUTION AND, IF NECESSARY,
PROPOSE OURSELVES. END SUMMARY

1. AMB MET WITH UNSYG REP OSORIO-TAFALL DEC 4, AND AGAIN NEXT DAY
WITH OSORIO AND FORCE COMMANDER PREM CHAND, TO DISCUSS UNSYG UNFICYP
REPORT. DRAWING ON USUN 5349, AMB POINTED OUT USG HAS JUSTIFIABLE
COMPLAIN IN THAT WE WERE NOT RPT NOT CONSULTED BY SECRETARIAT ON
REPORT'S LANGUAGE. NOTED THAT USG, COMMENTING ON WORKING DRAFT,
SPECIFICALLY OBJECTED TO LINKING UNFICYP REDUCTION TO COMMITMENTS
RE USE OF FORCE.

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2. LIKE URQUHART, OSORIO SEEMED SURPRISED OVER DEPTH OUR CHAGRIN. TRIED TO JUSTIFY REPORT SAYING UN SECRETARIAT AND UNFICYP UNAWARE U.S. FEELINGS ON QUESTION LINKAGE. AT DEC 5 MEETING, WE PROVIDED OSORIO AND PREM CHAND WITH LIST OF DATES ON WHICH WE HAD MADE REPRESENTATIONS BOTH HERE AND IN NEW YORK. SAID WE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW UN FAILED GET MESSAGE.

3. DURING DEC 4 MEETING (IN ABSENCE PREM CHAND) OSORIO DIS-ASSOCIATED HIMSELF FROM REPORT. SAID IT HIS PERSONAL FEELING THAT UNFICYP SHOULD NOT RPT NOT REMAIN IN CYPRUS SINCE FORCE'S PRESENCE INHIBITS SOLUTION OF PROBLEM. STRESSING THIS A "PERSONAL FEELING" (APPARENTLY NOT RPT NOT COMMUNICATED TO NEW YORK), OSORIO MAINTAINED THAT DEFINITE TIME LIMIT FOR ELIMINATION UNFICYP AS MILITARY ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED. FOLLOWING THIS, UNFICYP SHOULD BE CONVERTED TO OBSERVER FORCE (WITH STRONG UNCIVPOL ELEMENT) WHICH WOULD WORK WITH REPRESENTATIVE FROM UNHICOMM FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AS MEDIATORY AGENCY. OSORIO NOTED THIS WOULD REQUIRE CHANGE IN MANDATE.

4. AT MEETING WITH PREM CHAND, OSORIO CAREFULLY AVOIDED REPEATING THIS LINE. CONFINED HIMSELF TO OBSERVATION THAT REPORT REFLECTED GENUINE FEARS OF FORCE COMMANDER THAT FURTHER REDUCTION, WITHOUT COMMITMENTS, WOULD BE "MILITARILY DANGEROUS". PREM CHAND REPEATED HIS FAMILIAR ARGUMENTATION, BUT WITH LESS VEHEMENCE THAN USUAL. CLAIMED HE DID NOT RPT NOT REQUIRE MUCH IN THE WAY OF COMMITMENTS: HE SIMPLY WANTED SOMETHING WHICH WOULD ALLOW HIM GO BACK TO PARTIES CONCERNED IF THERE ANY ATTEMPT TO CHANGE STATUS QUO. ADMITTED HE ESSENTIALLY HAD THIS SORT OF COMMITMENT AT PRESENT BUT CLAIMED NEED FORMALIZE.

5. PREM CHAND SAID HE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBILITY TURK CYPRIOTS WOULD SEEK ALTER STATUS QUO IF UNFICYP REDUCED AND ANTICIPATED GREATEST DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING COMMITMENT FROM THEM. CLEAR THAT HE UNAWARE GOCYPRUS IRRITATION WITH REPORT AND LIKELIHOOD THAT GOVT WILL RESIST WHAT IT CONSIDERS IMPINGEMENT ON SOVEREIGNTY. IN OR VIEW, UNLIKELY EITHER SIDE WILL GIVE MEANINGFUL COMMITMENT.

6. OSORIO-TAFALL AND PREM CHAND ARGUED THAT, IF USG SERIOUS ABOUT NEED FOR REDUCTION, PLACE TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS IS NEW YORK NOT RPT NOT NICOSIA. DECISION CHANGE STRUCTURE OF FORCE ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL AND MUST BE TAKEN BY SECRETARIAT. CLAIMED THEY HAD ALWAYS CONFIDENTIAL

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FAVORED ECONOMIES BUT ARGUED UNFICYP HAS CONTROL OVER ONLY 13 PERCENT OF ITS BUDGET. CYNICALLY, OSORIO NOTED THAT USG COULD FORCE UNFICYP REDUCTION BY REFUSING PAY BILLS.

7. AMB CLOSED MEETING BY AGREEING TO DISAGREE OVER NEED FOR COMMITMENTS AND STRESSING STRONG USG DESIRE SEE UNFICYP REDUCED, BOTH TO MEET AVAILABLE FINANCES AND TO FACILITATE SOLUTION CYPRUS PROBLEM.

8. COMMENT: WE HAVE PUSHED ISSUE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN NICOSIA. CLEAR, AS ALWAYS, THAT PREM CHAND WILL RESIST ANY MEANINGFUL CUT IN FORCE. HIS RECOMMENDATIONS TO NEW YORK WILL CONTINUE EMPHASIZE DANGERS (AND TO GLOSS OVER FACT THAT, MILITARILY, HE COULD NOT MEET THOSE DANGERS MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH PRESENT FORCE THAN WITH SLIGHTLY SMALLER ONE ENVISAGED FOR PHASE TWO).

9. WE NOTE REGRETFULLY THAT UNSYG HAS SUCCEEDED IN DIVERTING DISCUSSION FROM WHETHER OR NOT THERE SHOULD BE A PHASED SHIFT TO AN OBSERVER/MEDIATOR ROLE, TO WHETHER OR NOT A MARGINAL CUT IN PRESENT FORCE IS POSSIBLE. (OSORIO AND PREM CHAND PROFESS NOT TO KNOW WHETHER EVEN THE DRAFT LANGUAGE CONCERNING EVENTUAL CONVERSION TO OBSERVER ROLE SURVIVED IN THE FINAL REPORT.)

10. RE POSSIBLE BRITISH PROPOSAL TO ADD LANGUAGE TO UNSC RESOLUTION, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS USG BE PREPARED TO SPONSOR SUCH AN ADDITION (HOPEFULLY, STRONGER AND WITH EXPLICIT TARGET OF OBSERVER/MEDIATOR ROLE) IF BRITS DO NOT. AT LEAST, THIS WOULD PUT UNSYG ON UNEQUIVOCAL NOTICE THAT WE ARE SERIOUS.
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